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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO

REF: STATE 204749

1. I BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO WOULD BE AN EFFECTIVE MEANS TO LOBBY TRINIDAD FOR SUPPORT IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24 AGAINST CUBAN INITIATIVES ON PUERTO RICO. I HAVE SPECIFICALLY IN MIND A LETTER FROM GOVERNOR HERNANDEZ COLON TO PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS REQUESTING SUCH SUPPORT WHICH I COULD DELIVER ALONG WITH A REITERATION OF THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THE USG VIEWS THE MATTER. A LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR WITH WHOM THE PRIME MINISTER HAS DEALT IN HIS EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMIC LINKS BETWEEN PUERTO RICO AND TRINIDAD AND WHO IS MOST DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE CUBAN MEDDLING WORLD, I BELIEVE, BE EFFECTIVE AND WOULD COMPLIMENT NICELY THE JULY 30 LETTER FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

2. I DISCUSSED THIS PROPOSAL WITH SECRETARY OF STATE ALBORS WHILE I WAS IN PUERTO RICO OVER THE WEEKEND WITH THE CAVEAT THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. ALBORS SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL AND SAID THAT HE WAS CERTAIN THAT THE GOVERNOR WOULD COOPERATE.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED. REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT'S
CONCURRENCE OR COMMENT ON THIS COURSE OF ACTION AND THE
COMMUNICATION OF AN APPROPRIATE REQUEST TO THE GOVERNOR
OF PUERTO RICO. IN VIEW OF THE SHORT TIME AVAILABLE,
I SUGGEST THAT THE LETTER BE SENT TELEGRAPHICALLY FROM
SAN JUAN TO THE EMBASSY TO BE RETYPED AND DELIVERED
TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

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